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MAIL-TUBE PROSPECTS

The congressional Postal Committee, which will meet next week, is expected to inaugurate departmental action toward the restoration of the pneumatic mail tube service in Philadelphia.

A TRAFFIC-RELIEF IDEA

SUGGESTIONS for traffic arteries in Philadelphia are irrefragable. The latest, which has been made to Mayor Moore by Miers Busch, representing the Board of Trade, contains practical features which are decidedly worth consideration.

THE CONCLAVE MEETS

INDICATIONS that the sessions of the Sacred College will be brief render extremely unlikely the participation of any non-European Cardinal in the selection of the new Pope.

A PERNICIOUS TAX

THE New Jersey Legislature wishes to do something to relieve the users of the railroads. It will repeal the Full-Crew Law, that law cost the people \$120,000 last year without conferring a single benefit on any one save the superfluous men employed on the trains.

JERSEY'S FUTILE DRY LAW

IN THE New Jersey Court of Errors and Appeals yesterday the over-zealous advocates of prohibition learned a lesson which they ought to take to heart in the interest of fair play and their own cause.

usually sufficient to keep the railroad men alert. The roads are public carriers, obligated to serve the public. If the public is not served, we have Public Service Commissions with power to order adequate service.

WHO'LL WRITE A COMIC OPERA ABOUT THE SUBJECT OF COAL?

Only the Caricature of the Stage Could Reflect the Grotesque Folly That Rules in the Mine Fields

THRONE, dynasties, kings, the pride of a great many nations and the cost of important commodities in the United States have been falling together. They are still going down. The one fixed and seemingly immovable thing in this changing world is the price of hard coal mined in our own fields.

The significance of this phenomenon is best appreciated after a reading of the report of general business and financial conditions just issued through the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.

THE IDEAL SITE

SO SUPERIOR are the merits of the Fairmount Park-Parkway site for the fair that its endorsement by the committees of the Engineers' Club, the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and the Real Estate Board has come without surprise to those who have been giving thought to the matter.

AS' ONE WOMAN SEES IT

Three Views of the Zion Movement by Three Jews Suggest Likelihood of Others, All of Them Important to the World at Large

By SARAH D. LOWRIE
IT IS very difficult for an outsider to get a true perspective on the Zion movement. I have three very distinct impressions of it, all given me by Jews, and each considered a final judgment by the man who instructed me.

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ent knowledge of the fundamentals of Anglo-Saxon justice. She blithely reversed the age-old rule established to guard what Blackstone calls "the inalienable rights of man" and wrote an act which declared that a suspected person might be denied trial by jury and was to be presumed guilty until he could prove himself innocent.

THE GENTILES BROUGHT UP ON THE OLD TESTAMENT

TO GENTILES brought up on the Old Testament as well as on the gospels the whole movement is of great interest because of the ancient prophecies regarding the return of the Jews and the restoration of Jerusalem.

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THE second opinion was given me many years later by the son of a Zionist. He was a journalist who had come over to this country after spending his youth in Palestine and had returned to his native land in the Turkish Government before the war. He believed in Palestine for the Jews. He had returned to a foot for how great a population of returned Jews the land could support. He held that it was not practical, because to give the Jew a country that was too small for his needs, but that he must still live as a stranger in other countries.

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NOW MY IDEA IS THIS

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

ROBERT E. FERGUSON

On the Slump in Marriage Licenses

THE economic and sociological phases of the city of Philadelphia are strongly and immediately reflected in the Marriage License Bureau at City Hall, according to Chief Robert E. Ferguson, of that department.

NOTARIES' ACTIVITIES STOPPED

"The Marriage License Law has been in force in Pennsylvania since the first of October, 1885. It is an excellent law in many ways and it stopped a number of abuses and enabled the counties of the State to keep an accurate record of all marriages for which licenses were granted within its jurisdiction."

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SHORT CUTS

"Hello, Judge!" said Glass. "He yet," said Borah. But soon?

When the State Treasury can't have anything else it can have a deficit.

Suspenders are in and belts are out. say the tailors; but pessimists will continue to wear both.

Count that day lost whose low descending sun sees not an Anglo-Franco clash just ended or begun.

We hasten to reassure the timid. Is benching Kenyon no effort has been made to knock his bluff off.

If every State in the Union has a building at the Fair the Parkway is going to be an architectural treat.

Some earnest thought will be given to the soldiers' bonus while income-tax schedules are being made out.

Waukegan, Ill., man is attacked by rooster after wringing neck of hen. No gentleman could do less.

If he but knew how much we worried over his appearance yesterday how the woodchuck would chuckle!

Fashion Committee chairman in this city says custom-tailored clothes are to be fuller this year. Fuller what?

Mrs. Asquith says she is anxious to visit Philadelphia. The lady, we are obliged to admit, has normal aspirations.

Chicago is planning a steamship line to Philadelphia. An airplane line would probably suffer less from ice and fog.

Vassar professor says she knows of no prettier thing than the calf of a young woman. First kind word we've heard for the beaux.

The twenty-three-year-old Polish workman and the forty-five-year-old hearse is to marry pay in publicity for essaying the unusual.

The Arms Conference has agreed to abolish poison gas in wartime, but it is beyond its power to restrict its use in propaganda.

The scrapping rules for capital ships conform, it is said, to those of the London prize ring. At all events, London has a little to do with them.

We are looking forward to the day when our college presidents, instead of saying unkind things about their students, will discipline them.

If in heaven, as Sir Conan Doyle declares, all the children are grown up, what is the happiness of those who find joy in the little ones?

The sky is a solid dome, says Voltaire. He may not be a great thinker, but anybody will admit in the matter of solid domes he uses his head.

The Dauphin County Court has upheld the constitutionality of the Cool Tax Law of 1921. But will the operators be satisfied? Not by an anthracite!

Constables dressed as women are looking for a man who has been wearing Vassar students. We have a mental picture of an imitation flapper in police boots.

Dr. Stokowski's little friends are now convinced that the most fascinating instrument at an orchestral concert is the ice cream cone. Like the oboe, it is manipulated with the lips, but the real shading is done with the palate.

Seranton man excused from jury duty because he couldn't use his wooden leg. Plea of faulty understanding. Still, come to think of it, nobody, so far as we can remember, has ever been excused for inability to use his wooden head.

American delegates to the Washington Conference have been thoughtlessly accused of modesty because they described themselves simply as "Citizens of the United States." As a matter of fact they chose the light title they could bestow on themselves.